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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

LAURA ZANIBELLI ET AL : EXAMINER: ILDEBRANDO, C.

SERIAL NO: 09/523,179 :

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FOR: CATALYTIC COMPOSITION FOR  
THE UPGRADING OF  
HYDROCARBON MIXTURES

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.

REMARKS

Claims 41-54, 57-67, and 69-82 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Ildebrando for indicating that Claims 57-67 and 69-82 are allowable.

The rejections of Claims 41-46 and 53-54 under 35 U.S.C. §102 b) and/or §103(a) over Wu et al. is traversed below.

Wu et al discloses, at best, a catalyst containing a crystalline aluminosilicate, and a metal selected from a long non-specific "laundry list" such as nickel, palladium,